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MEETING LINCOLN

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Meeting Lincoln

Original letters describing encounters with the 16th President of the United States

Surnames beginning with

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Hager, Michael Fredericksburg, Va. Nat. Home, Wis.

Company #8
National Home, Wisconsin
February 13, 1931

Mr. Howard K. Terry
9528 Wisteria Street
Bustleton
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to your letter of February 10.

I am happy to say that I well remember Abraham Lincoln. Although my career in the Service has not the usual ending, I am sure it is interesting enough to quote as it shows the kindness of President Lincoln to me as an individual.

I was a private in Co. A, 124th New York Vol. Inf. On one occasion, we made a raid at Fredericksburg, Virginia and President Lincoln came out to review our forces. On another occasion, we were again supposed to make a raid. We were not allowed to build any fires. It was on this occasion that I caught cold in my left eye and lost the complete eyesight of that eye. Not being able to do active duty, I was put on the outside picket. A rebel spy managed to get by me, also two others closely behind him, so that three in all crossed my beat. I was then arrested and my gun taken away. I was courtmartialed and would have been shot, had not a dispatch been sent to President Lincoln at Washington, who excused me because of the loss of my one eye. My record has been cleared and I received an honorable discharge.

Hoping these incidents may be of interest to you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Michael Hager
Michael Hager

MH/smk

Hale, Silas W. | Indianapolis, Ind. on way to inauguration | Decatur, Indiana

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"I Saw Lincoln"

Full Name Silas W. Hale.

Present Address 110 South 3rd Street. Decatur, Ind.

Date of Birth Year 1844 Month Sept Day 18

Place of Birth Bluffton, Wells Co. Ind.

Where you saw Lincoln Indianapolis

When you saw Lincoln He was on his way to be inaugerated President

Remarks: -

He stopped at Indianapolis a short time and a reception held at the ~~N.~~ side of Bates House - and I had the pleasure of shaking hands with him -

Hall, E. A. Springfield, Ill. speech Springfield, Ill.

FIRST STATE TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

Aug 3/1931

Mr Howard K. Terry
Philadelphia Pa

Dear Mr Terry

I have your letter of 7/28 - appreciate your good work, wish I could add more information regarding Mr Lincoln than I can - I saw him but once - that was in 1858 - when he spoke in our town as I was born in 1845 - was then in 13th year. My Father who had lived in Springfield and personally knew Mr Lincoln - took me with him to hear the speach when I was over took me to Mr Lincoln - introduced me saying "This is my son Edward" - being proud of my Father, have ever remembered that Mr Lincoln said - tell my boy "grow to be as good a man as Your Father

In civil war was Sergt - Company "C"
139th Regt Ill vol Infantry "
Do not recall the Mr Wm Shelton
whom you refer to
I make "memdm" should any thing
come to my knowledge that would
add to your "Memory Collection"
will advise You
Thanking you for Kindly reference
to me personally

Yours Very Truly
E A Hall

Halley, Katherine Helm

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE
COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA
IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

Dear Mr. Terry — Thank you for your letter — Mrs. Abraham Lincoln's youngest sister was my aunt — All that I know about Lincoln I've gotten from her — Her husband was Maj. Gen'l. Ben Hardin

Helm, oldest brother of my
father. My father was only
10 at the beginning of the
Civil War & of course too
young to go. But Emil Helm
was a great favorite of his
brother-in-law, Pres. Lincoln
& was offered a commission
if he would fight on the

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE
COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA
IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

Union side — but he re-
fused - My cousin's book
"Mary Todd Lincoln" by Kath-
arine Helm, has much
true family history -
and might give you
some points - But I

fear that I have little
to offer, as my Aunt
died last winter —
With every good wish
Katharine Helen Halley

Hammond, H.J.

H. J. HAMMOND,

Lovilia, Iowa,
Route 1.

March 4th 1913

Mrs Curtis

I want to tell you that I Gave the greate was President 2 votes One in Clay township Marion County and One while in Texas have lived in Marion and Monroe Co Since June 1854

Respectfully Yours

H. J. Hammond

Hampton, B. M. Philadelphia Independence Hall New Port Richey, Florida

New Port Richey, Fla.,
10-25-1932.

The Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Gentlemen:-

I am one, I am glad to say, that saw Lincoln and heard him speak from the steps of Independence Hall at Philadelphia (in Independence Square) and walked beside him for some distance, when he was on his way to Washington to be inaugurated in 1860.

Afterwards I carried my gun many weary miles with the Western Army, in Company C of the 52nd Illinois and I am the only one living of my Company, and have been for some time per the Government report.

I was 91 the 29th of last August.

Sincerely,

The Rancher of-

Rancho-Glen-Haven .

At New Port Richey, Florida.

B M Hampton

LINCOLN NATIONAL
MAIL DEPARTMENT
Referred to
REC'D OCT 27 1932
Answered
LIFE INSURANCE CO.

Hampton, B. M. New Port Richey, Florida

D. 1.

New Port Richey,Fla,,
Nov.1,1932.

The Lincoln Life
Fort Wayne,Indiana.

Thanks for the Bulletin of Lincoln Life. I forgot one thing when I wrote you that has always been dear to my heart;and that is , that I cast my first vote for Lincoln at Rome ,Georgia,in 1864.

I was the only man that cast a vote and had it counted in the 52nd Ill.. You see an Illinois soldier at the front couldn't vote,but I being a native of Pennsylvania and having been back on a visit for a time ,my Father knowing I could not vote from Ill. sent me a ticket from Philadelphia; then I went before tha Colonel and voted for Lincoln and he sent the vote to my Father ,he deposited it ,as per law,in Philada.and wrote me he saw it counted.

That is one time I beat the Copperheadsof Ill. and I am the only man that did in my regiment,and I am the only man living today of Compant C,52nd Ill.

I was ninety one on the 29 of last August and have a citrus grove that has the 12th crop on 13 year old trees, and the only one in Florida that has that number of heavy crops on 13 year old trees. I am still caring for it myself mostly. I had 6000 feet of props under the limbs last year and won't have enough to go around this Fall,so you see its a real crop and I am out setting the props each day in the week.

If any of you come down this way I will be pleased to have you call on me at Rancho-Glen-Haven,New Port Richey, Florida.

Sincerely ,

The old Rancher.

B.M.Hampton.

P.S.
I enclose my last poem,this is the way I amuse myself.

Poetry file

Harned, M.R.

1174. 18th Str Des Moines Iowa. 3rd 10th 1913
Editor of Knoxville Journal

Dear Friend

I see in your paper each week a list of the names of the old Supporters of Honest A. Lincoln I Cast my first vote in Valcine Orange Co Indiana in 1856 for J. C. Freemont in 1860 at Attica in Indianna In Marion Co Iowa for Abraham Lincoln the Greatest man that ever occupied that Chair. in 1862 the 9th day of August I volenteered and went in Co A 33rd Reg. Iowa Inft. Under Captain Cy Boydston and in 1864 I was discharged in March and Came home and in 1864 again I had the privilidge of Casting my ballot for the Greatest Ruler and Statesman that America had at the head of her Government and I do wish I Could have the chance one more to vote for a man like honest old Abe Who had more good honest man in one finger than William Howard Taft ever had in His intire Corpulancy. I have voted three times for Teddy and am willing to do it Again. I have voted for every Republican Candidate Since 1856 But Billey But I Couldent Go him I Knew him Too well. I have Spent the last 40 yrs of my life as a Methodist preacher and today am on my way to Heaven to receive a Methodist preachers reward. With Kindest regards I am as ever M.R. Harned.

Harris, Mrs. C. M. Reception at White House Los Angeles, Cal.

San Francisco.
Feb 23. '31

Mr Howard N. Terry.

Sir:

Your letter came in regular time. I was born in Washington D.C. and spent all my young days in that city, when many thrilling events happened. that has since made history My father held a position under our Government. so that I had ample opportunity to meet many prominent men of that time. I attended many of Mr Lincoln's

receptions in the White House and as I thought, quite happy in a quiet or sober way. A few lines would be appropriate

"Abraham Lincoln why are you sad
and glad
When all of Gods world is smiling
The ages are pallid with deeds of the wrong"

That brotherhood cries. and the nights are long
Though Mr Lincoln appeared sad ~~sad~~
yet I was impressed that it was due to his seriousness and thoughtfulness which made him appear preoccupied for he smiled easily and often. was in reality close to his surroundings, self-constraint measuring. I remember what my impression was that he was not thoughtful of things away and apart though conscious of things about him.
The conditions at the time caused all to look ~~and look~~ to the head of the Government. I remember how his seriousness ~~effected~~ impressed me to have confidence while his smile made one feel his fine appreciation of all things I do, and then, feel that Lincoln was a most unusual man he was different in personality and yet you felt no question in him, in fact he was the ~~fact~~ hope, one could or would confide in easily.

Mrs C M Harris
347 So. Rene st
Los Angeles
Calif.

P.S.
I have given my home address as I am only residing my sons at 2310 Buchanan st in this city
N.

Hartley, Emeline Mrs.

Funeral
saw and heard L.

Clarion, Ohio
Clarion Ohio
Vinton Co.
Oct 7th

Dr Louis A. Warren
Ft Wayne. Ind.

Dear Sir:

Am sending you a clipping from the Columbus Evening Dispatch. Will say that my mother, Mrs Emeline Hartley not only saw Abraham Lincoln on several occasions but she also attended his funeral. She was 89 yrs old last May and has made her home with me since 1911

Respectfully

Mrs. John DeVault.

Hartman, Rufus R. | Washington, D.C. near White House | Rawson, Ohio

"I Saw Lincoln"

Full Name Rufus R Hartman

Present Address Rawson O

Date of Birth Year 1842 Month Feb Day 20th

Place of Birth Hancock Co Ohio

Where you saw Lincoln Washington D.C.

When you saw Lincoln May 1864.

Remarks: -

Leave of absence with another soldier (George Forman now deceased) for a few hours to see the City and we saw Lincoln leave the White House walk down the walk to the gate then put on his hat then he looked to be 7 ft tall

Respectfully Rufus R. Hartman

Hartman, Rufus H. Rawson, Ohio

Rawson O. Aug 31st 1932.

The Lincoln National Life Insurance
Co. Ft. Wayne Ind.
To Whom it may Concern

Referred
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LIFE INSURANCE CO.

My Father who will sign below. Had the privilege and pleasure to see Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War.

He was a Soldier in the 134th and is this day 90 yrs 1 mo 10 days

Respectfully Yours.
H R Hartman
R R Hartman

Hatch, Frank E. Guard at White House Maine

Mr. Terry.

Dear Sir

In answer to your letter of Feb 9th I hardly know what to say about all that I know about Lincoln that I have seen him a good many times as I was on guard at the White House for about 2 years in the years of 63 and 64, and also the last time that he was at the front I was a member of the 1st [illegible] at that time and that is about all that I know of him.

Yours with regards.

Frank E. Hatch.

Mill, New Togus me.

Co. B. 1st [illegible].

Hayner, W. H.

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To the Nat Life
Foundation of Ft Wayne
Ind

I See by the Dayton
News You are looking for the Oldest Living
Man Now The Oldest I Know
I May not be the oldest But I am the First
Man Here before he was Appointed Postmaster
the 4. 1860. The first time I came in contact
with him was after his Nomination on the
Republican Ticket at the Little Town of Morrow O
On the Penn R R Enroute to Columbus O to Speak
this was in august The next time on May 8/
On his way To Washington to be Inaugurated
the next time was in 62 When he Visited Camp
Denison this camp was about 12 miles from Cincinnati
On The Penn R R, Between Milford & Miamiville
the first + 2 Time I had a few words with him +
a Hand Shake I was a Boy Then on the 25 of this
month I will be Entes my 80th year as See Card
you will find People in your City That Know
me I was the first Owner of the Ft Wayne Oil & Supply
Co On the Ground they Stand W H Haynes

Heacock, Martha

Wyncott, Pa.

Joseph Heacock Company

WYNCOTE, PENNSYLVANIA

KENTIAS
CIBOTIUMS
WYNCOTE, PENNA.
CUT ROSES
ROELOFS, PENNA.

March 3, 1932

Mr. Howard K. Terry

Philadelphia

Dear Mr. Terry:

Your letter to my Aunt, Miss Martha Heacock is at hand and I have read it but have not given it to her as she is ill, and not capable of replying, nor of giving you any information about Lincoln nor the Civil War. She is not quite clear mentally now, and her memories would not be accurate.

Her sister, Miss Annie Heacock, who died last month might have given you some information. She wrote her Reminiscences, and it was published privately, and as we have only our own copies left,--I mean those that are owned and valued by members of the family--we cannot let you have one.

There are copies in the Swarthmore College and the Abington Library in Jenkintown, if you wish to consult them. She taught in a school for colored children during the Civil War at Beaufort, S. C. and was at the raising of the Union flag at Fort Sumpter when the war closed. She tells of this in her Reminisences. It is a small, paper covered book. I also think there is a copy in the Library of the Penna. Historical Society, and probably at the New Century Club, 12th St., Philadelphia.

Yours truly,

Esther Heacock

Helmel, Joseph Joliet, Ill. Speech Joliet, Ill.

Joliet, Ill.
April 28-1931

Mr. Howard K. Terry
Phila Pa.

Dear Sir: In answer to your inquiry of the April 13th inst. I will gladly say, I recall very clearly the incident of Mr. Lincolns address here in Joliet in the year of 1856; given in what was then Desmonds Grove. The present site of the West Side Hotel and extending north to Division th. through which runs Chicago Ave., was then a woods in which the address was made. It was a gala day and people came from miles around driving ox teams and by foot. A grand parade was held led by a band playing inspiring music. Being but eight years old, I do not remember just what was the nature of the address but it seemed to me Mr Lincoln was speaking on the great subject nearest his heart, the slave question and the division of the union on account of slavery. One of the things that impressed me with this idea, not then so much as since that time, was a hay rack made up as a float or platform on which were little girls, each dressed in white with a ribbon label on them showing the name of the state they represented. Now Mr. Lincoln as I remember him was a tall, broadshouldered, dark man, big raw boned man looking a great deal like a rangy Texas

rang man. I can remember at times he would raise his voice and point at one or the other of the little girls sitting on the wagon or float, as he wished to drive home the point he was trying make, as one time he pointed to a girl representing Illinois and another Mississippi. He continually had trouble with a unruly lock of hair which constantly fell down in his eyes, and he would toss his head back to throw it in place, a little characteristic I have always remembered and can see him do it to this day. Of course being but eight years old many things you would like to know was of no interest to me then but what did interest me was a scene enacted there when a man set up a stand to sell beer to the thirsty crowd, he was ordered away from the place and he immediately set up his stand just outside the fence. Of course up to that time the Democrat party was the power and other parties sprang up but could not defeat them. This meeting seemed to be sponsored by the "Wide awakes". That is about all I remember of our Great Friend, "Honest Abe". Hoping you may find something of interest in this simple description of when I saw "Abe" I am yours truly

Joseph Helmel

Helmet, Joseph Joliet, Ill. Joliet, Ill.

"I Saw Lincoln"

Full Name Joseph Helmel

Present Address 809 Columbia St. Joliet, Ill.

Date of Birth Year 1848 Month Nov. Day 13

Place of Birth Pennsylvania

Where you saw Lincoln Joliet

When you saw Lincoln 1856

Remarks:-

HEARD SPEECH BY LINCOLN IN JOLIET GROVE

Joseph Helmel, 82 Years Old, Tells of Emancipator's Visit.

Memories of Lincoln in Joliet, of a tall, thin man who spoke from a flag-decked platform near what is now the end of Pine street 75 years ago—in October, 1856—were reviewed this morning by Joseph Helmel, 82 years old, 809 Columbia street.

Mr. Helmel, then a boy of eight, remembers the Lincoln address here clearly. His face lighted up as he harked back this morning to the day when farmers around drove their wagons to Joliet and listened to the great man whose birthday is being celebrated today.

Mr. Lincoln spoke in what was then known as Demmond's Grove. Farmers driving ox teams entered the grove thru a gate at a point where Western avenue and Pine street now intersect, Mr. Helmel says.

Welcomed Mr. Lincoln.

A procession welcoming Lincoln moved thru Joliet before the speech, he went on to say. One of the brightly decorated floats contained young women dressed to represent the states of the union.

Mr. Lincoln asked that the float be drawn up near the rostrum in the grove, Mr. Helmel remembers.

One picture in his mind is particularly clear. As Mr. Lincoln spoke of slavery, and mentioned the free and slave states, he pointed out the girl representing each state to which he referred.

Mr. Helmel has a vivid recollection of the tall, black-haired statesman as he delivered his speech, gesturing to make his points clear and pitching his voice to carry the emphasis of the facts he wanted to drive home.

Recalls Gala Event.

Mr. Helmel was too young to be interested in gathering the details of a political speech then, he says. The whole gala event in which Lincoln was welcomed by the Will county presidents, however, has always remained with him.

He remembers men in the organization known as the "Wideawakes" driving from the grove two men who attempted to set up stands and sell beer, he says. One stand was first set up near the rostrum. Its owner was soon forced to move, and he then went into business near the eastern gate of the grove.

Mr. Helmel has many other interesting memories of the Joliet scene at that time. He has lived here since he was six months old and came to Joliet with his parents from Pennsylvania. For 50 years he worked as a harness maker in the shop of his brother-in-law, Joseph Stephens, on West Jefferson street. He was married in 1877 to Mary Bridert, and they have lived at 809 Columbia street since that time.

Tho Mr. Lincoln is known to have visited here at other times, more is known here of the Demmond Grove speech than any other.

Heard Speech Here.

Another Joliet resident remembers hearing it. He is James Purvis, 103 Beach street, and several others in the city have reserved definite details about the occasion from relatives. These two men are the only ones alive who are definitely known to have heard the speech in 1856.

Levi Doty, of Frankfort, recalls coming here with several of his neighbors for the occasion. He drove an ox team, one of many that came from his neighborhood to bring families here for the Lincoln address.

To commemorate the occasion, the Will County Historical Society is planning to erect a marker on the spot where the Great Emancipator's speech was made.

A search is being conducted for a huge granite boulder to be made into a monument. A committee appointed to find a stone has been unsuccessful to date in finding one suitable to the society's needs. The group is headed by John O'Connor, and includes Albert Stevens, J. B. Gurney, O. W. McGovney, Miss Florence Link and Fred B. Weeks.

Mr. O'Connor is an interested student of Lincoln. He has a definite memory of the time when the body of President Lincoln passed thru this city on its way to Springfield for buriel. Mr. O'Connor tolled the bell in St. Patrick's church at the time of the burial service.

JOLIET ILL HERALD NEWS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1931.

Heninger, Joseph B.

Indianapolis, Ind.

Department Commander,
JAMES KILMARTIN, Princeton

Senior Vice-Department Commander,
A. F. BAKER, Wabash

Junior Vice-Department Commander,
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DEPARTMENT of INDIANA
Grand Army of the Republic

Office of ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL
ROOM 405 STATE HOUSE

Telephone, LIncoln 3183

Indianapolis, Indiana, February 4, 1931.

Mr. Howard K. Terry,
Bustleton,
Philadelphis, Penna.

My dear Mr. Terry:

If you write to Colonel A. B. Crampton, Past Department Commander, Soldiers' & Sailors' Monument, Indianapolis, Indiana, I am sure he can give you more information and data on Abraham Lincoln than I could. I saw Mr. Lincoln but he heard him talk (I understand) here in Indianapolis where the Claypool Hotel stands.

The spot where Abraham Lincoln spoke from at the Claypool Hotel has a bronze plate, with him on and his Gettysburg Address.

Enclosed herewith find Department Roster of all Posts. We have marked off the disbanded Posts.

I admire the piece of work you are doing.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph B. Henninger

Joseph B. Henninger, A.A.G.

Henneke, Wm. E.

NEY M. SALTER, M. D.
WILLIAMS, CALIFORNIA

Williams, Calif.

Gettysburg Address

Williams, California.
October 10, 1932

Dr. Lewis A. Warren.
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Director of the Lincoln
National Life Foundation.

Dear Sir;

Your request for names of individuals who had seen "Lincoln" has just come to me through the Stronghurst Graphic of Stronghurst, Illinois.

I wish to add the name of one of my patients Mr. William E. Henneke of Williams, California. He is now 92 years old and played in the United States Military Band, and heard Lincoln at the Gettsburg address. Mr. Henneke was a member of the band that accompanied the funeral train from Washington to Springfield, and of course was present at the burial ceremony.

Respectfully,

Ney M Salter

Dr. Ney M. Salter.

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Henny, Mrs. John W. L.-D. Debates

Thursday 9- A. M.
Philadelphia, Pa.

IDLEHURST HEIGHTS
HAYWARD, WISCONSIN

Mr Howard C. Perry -
Philadelphia Pennsylvania

Dear Mr Perry -

I am very glad to give you my recollection of Abraham Lincoln for I do remember him so distinctly as the things that impressed us most in our childhood seems to be more outstanding in our declining years. I was only thirteen years old at the time of Lincoln Douglas debate in eighteen fifty eight - but I remember very well my father bringing us to town in a wagon on that day from Cedarvill (a little town six miles away) I was too small to recall much about it = but I can always see Lincoln with his sad kindly face - and Douglas with a jolly good natured look If was four years later when Lincoln ran again for President that I rode a white horse in a procession two of my friends and myself representing the colors in Old Glory" and is quite remarkable two of us and still living Miss Dobler passed to her "Heavenly Home" Several years ago Miss Lila Eastman now Mrs Julia Brace living in 611 Dodge St Algona Iowa She will remember more of the old Brewster Hotel where Lincoln spent the night when he was in Freeport is still standing and the room has been kept the same It might be interesting to know that my son Mr John W. Henney has just purchased the old Hotel!

I am having a very delightful Summer up here in Northern Wisconsin at my daughters - Dr and Mrs R M White - Summer home like Lincoln Summer I have spent here in this beautiful restful and peaceful place near Hayward Thank you for your kind wishes "God be with you and bless you"

Agnes A Henney
(Mrs John W Henney)

September 1st seventeenth nineteen hundred and thirty one.

Henthorn, A. Quincy, Ill. L.-D. Debate Baylis, Ill.

Henthorn

A. HENTHORN
BAYLIS, ILL.

Sept 8 - 1932

LINCOLN NATIONAL
MAIL DEPARTMENT
Referred to
REC'D SEP 9 1932 H
Answered
LIFE INSURANCE CO.

Dr the Abraham Lincoln Historical Association

Dear Sirs: In reading your advertisement relating to Lincoln, I note the statement that there are but few persons in Illinois who have seen Abraham Lincoln and heard him speak. Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas when they delivered their great debate in 1858 in Quincy, Adams Co. Ills. I was then a 10 year old boy. I saw him in 1860 when I was 14 years old

1932
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age 58

Dear Sir: I saw Lincoln 74 years ago

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Debate in the years

A Henthorn

Heuser, Mrs. Celia Wm.

Wheaton, Ill.

Park Ridge

Lincoln National Life Insurance
Fort Wayne, Ind.
from
Park Ridge Weekly Register
Park Ridge, Ill.

Dear Sir in Reference
to the Oldest Illinoian
Who heard or Saw
Abraham Lincoln
I can Say I did in a
Debate with Stevan
A Douglas during
Their Campaign for
President of U. S. at
Pittsfield Pike Co Ill
I am at Present visiting

Mrs Edwin Hoff at
701 S. Lincoln ave Park Ridge
But my Home address
is 119 Scott St Wheaton
Ill
I am 79 years of age My
Name is Mrs Celia Ann
Heuser

Heuser, Mrs. Celia ~~Wm.~~ Ann | Pittsfield, Ill. L.-D. Debate | Wheaton, Ill.

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" I Saw Lincoln "

Full Name Mrs Celia ~~Ann~~ Heuser

Present Address 119 Scott St Wheaton Ill.

Date of Birth Year 1852 Month January Day 24

Place of Birth Pittsfield Pike Co.

Where You Saw Lincoln Pittsfield

When You Saw Lincoln in 1860

Remarks: -

Herndon, B.P. Los Angeles, Calif.

Natl Military Home west L.A. Calif.

May 1. 1931

Mr H K Terry

Dear Sir.

Your letter of 25th apr. rec'd

I do not know what paper the Clippings I sent you, were taken from I think it was the "Evening Herald Los Angelos, one of Hearst papers clipped about 2 months ago,

Nor, do I know any of the men you mention in your letter.

There were about 5000 members here last winter, a good many "Boers World war" members have left this Home also civil war vets go out on furlows many Civil war vets have died since I came here 2½ years ago

I do not know 20 members' names, nor do, more than 15 or 20 men here know me by name

There are members here from Civil war time, in every Military organization in time of peace or wars up to date,

If you write to C F Feige Adjutant of this Home inquiring about the men you mention in your letter giving

the orginations, or military service in which they served, if they are here, I think he will answer you,

There are 10,400 members buried here In writing here, adaress as this letter is headed,

There is a Post Office in this Home for members, employees & officers but not for out siders,

I could write incidents of Lincoln directly & indirectally from my own Personal Knowledge, that would fill a small volume, & in part never has been in History, which at present I am keeping up "my sleeve" which may come out in 12 or 15 years from me, providing I live out that numbers of years. & I think my chances are good,

I wrote a letter to the "Arizona Republican, a news paper, published in Phoenix Ariz, ~~that was~~, that letter appeared in said paper issued 25 day of December 1924, said article would interest you I think, provided the Publishers preserved some copies containing that letter in print in their paper

wishing you luck in securing more of Lincoln lore

B F Herndon

Natl Military Home
West L.A. Calif May 4–31

I am sending you information, relative to an article, which appeared in the National Tribune, published in Washington D C 23 of April 1931, issue,
The article refers to the "Abraham Lincoln Fellowship, National Headquarters is at Berkeley Calif.
Wm H Wharff, is President at 1334 Spruce St. Berkeley Calif,
The above Fellowship is just organizing the object is to receive members who saw Lincoln or heard or knew him,
Thinking you may get information from members, in the above mentioned organization for your collection,
I Enclose address of Nat Tribune
In the issue of Nat Tribune of Apr 23-31 is a full explination of the Fellowship & the object of said organization
wishing you success
Am Truly
B P Herndon

Hildebrandt, Henry L.-Douglas Debates Mt. Sterling, Ohio

Dear Sir, July 17th

Answering your letter attached.

Henry Hildebrant died last January, so no answer can be given to your questons much as he would like to have written the answers.

I have heard him speak of seeing and hearing Lincoln in his debate with Dougless at Freeport Ills., and my father was also one of the soldiers who stood guard over the body at Columbus, but I do not remember any other incident that he every spoke of.

Yours truly,

Paul Hildebrant M.D.
Mt.Sterling Ohio

Hinkson, Col. J.W. Washington, D.C. Phila., Pa.
Independence Hall

3325 Walnut St
W. Phila. Pa.

Mr Howard Terry; —

Dear Sir; —

Your letter at hand this a.m.

I remember Pres. Lincoln very well, I delivered a message to him, and he put his hand on my head, and said, "God Bless you my boy" "you are to young to be a soldier."

I remember him very well, seeing him riding his horse. and I always thought what a kind old man. I could not help loving him, for his kind and gentle words to me. I was in the 84th Pa Reg. guarding the Capitol at Harrisburg - when the Battle of Gettysburg was going on.

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After that I enlisted in 197th Pa Reg. and was sent to Baltimore. And I again saw Pres. Lincoln at that time. And the next time I saw him, was when he was laid out (in state) at Independence Hall. Phila - I trust this will be of some value to you.

Col. Kunkles Croskey address is 1736. N. 13th St. Phila

Rev. T. Asher Hees. a letter will reach him by sending to 41st & Westminster Ave Penna. Y. M.C.A -

These two Comrades are the only ones I have the address.

Wishing you success. I remain.

June 29th

Col. J. W. Hinkson
5325 Walnut St. W. Phila.

Hogue, J.C. L.-D. Debates -Galesburg, Ill. Monmouth, Ill.

MISS MARYBELL HOGUE
312 SOUTH 7TH ST.
MONMOUTH, ILL.

Dear Sir:

My Father- Capt. J. C. Hogue- left us last May- aged 91 yrs. In some old papers I find a letter from you written in June 1931- asking if he saw Lincoln and something about him. He may have answered. tho' he wrote very few letters.

As a boy of 17, + and others went on horse back to Galesburg- 18 mi east- to hear the Lincoln + Douglas debate in Oct 1858- There were two big floats from here- one wagon drawn by 20 horses- decorated in national colors and 21 girls road in it- one for each State- The other float was a wagon on which were logs & some men busy splitting them

MISS MARYBELL HOGUE
312 SOUTH 7TH ST.
MONMOUTH, ILL.

In 1928 I went with my Father to a fine celebration of the 60 year old event. He recd a badge on which was "I was here in 5-8" - there were quite a few - I forget the number - who had been there. and two lawyers - gave part of the original debates & old songs were sung - The day of '58 was cold & raw & not many could hear the voices - but now with modern helps every one could hear all that was said.

Lincoln spoke in Monmouth once. & there is a small marker on the corner where he spoke - Father did not hear him.

Marybell Hogue

Holmes, Mr. C. B. Benton Harbor, Mich.

Benton Harbor, Mich., October 7th, 1932

Dr. Louis A. Warren, Ft. Wayne, Ind.,
Director Lincoln National
Life Foundation,

Dear Mr. Warren:

I have read your article in the Benton Harbor paper relative to the unveiling of the statue of Abraham Lincoln, the "Hoosier Youth". I would have enjoyed very much to have been present on the occasion; but owing to the fact that I am a member in good standing of the "Economy Club," I had to pass it up; not owing to the fact that I am in my 87th year, and claim to be the most active G. A. R. boy extant. When this cruel panic is over, and cash is again in circulation, I will endeavor to go out on a hiking trip to Ft. Wayne, and hunt you up, and take a look at dear old Abe's boy monument. Enclosed please find clippings. Please return them.

Truly Yours,
C B Holmes

Holt, Jonathan

Tilton, N.Hampshire

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April I 1931.

Mr.Howadd K.Terry,

Bustleton,Pa.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge your communication of March 26,1931 relative to G.A.C.Veterans at this Home who knew or saw Mr.A.Lincoln.In reply,please be advised that we have only one, Mr.Johnathan Holt. His memory is very keene and he saw and herd him speak on several occasions.

Sincerely yours,

Frank J. Abbott

Frank J.Abbott.

Commandant.

Holt, Jonathan B. Stirling, Ill. - Debates Tilton, N. Hampshire
Richmond

Soldiers Home
Tilton, N.H.

13 April, 1931.

Mr. H.T.Terry,
9528 Wisteria Street,
Bustleton, Phila. Penna.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your favor of 7th. inst. regarding my personal knowledge of Abraham Lincoln, the following summarizes my recollections of the Great Liberator.

In 1860- I was then but a youngster- Mr. Lincoln And Stephen A. Douglas, Republican and Democratic candidates for President respectively, staged a joint debate on a hastily improvised platform made of split rails, in front of the Keystone Bank in Stirling Ill. People drove in from all parts of the country to hear the noted disputants. The vehicles ranged from the buckboard to "Shanks Pony".

The subject of the debate was general policies and as I remember the speeches of both orators was on a considerably higher level of eloquence and statesmanship than the tirades we are treated to today by politicians in and out of Congress.

My impression of Lincoln was almost that which cartoonists have made immortal. Tall, lanky, long Prince Albert coat draped way below the knees, a stove pipe hat, a whimsical smile and a keen but generous vein of sarcasm in alluding to his opponent. His speech was sprinkled with short and witty stories always appropos and uttered in a voice which carried clearly to the outermost ring of the crowd.

Douglas was a short stocky man with a none too cle ar delivery who failed signally by contrast.

My next view of the Statesman was in Richmond Va. April 5, 1865- just after the evacuation and nine days before the assassin bullet ended a great life. At this time I was a member of the 2nd. New Hampshire Vol. Reg.(Inf.). We had arrived in Richmond on April 3, The bridge was still burning when we entered the city. Lincoln had come to Richmond from Washington to witness the evacuation and when this was completed he went to Appomattox for the surrender of Lee.

At this time there was little difference between the Lincoln I saw at Stirling and the two term President.

Major Frank Abbott our Commandant was an overseas Major during the World War and has seen service in Mexico during the Border troubles.

He is now a member of Governor Winant of New Hampshire's Staff and the capable and sympathetic head of this Home.

I trust these few reminisences may be of value to your Lincoln collection.

Yours Faithfully,

Jonathan B. Holt

Jonathan B. Holt,
Company "G" 2nd. N.H. V.I.

Rhode Island Soldiers' Home

BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND

SUSAN M. SHEPLE
COMMANDANT

March 27, 1931.

Mr. Harold K. Terry,
9528 Wisteria St.,
Bustleton, Phila.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of March 26, 1931, and in compliance with your request I have interviewed the members of the Home here who are Veterans of the Civil War, who may have seen or heard Abraham Lincoln during that period and when he was President.

I am pleased to give you the following information:

Hopkins, Jeremiah D. Co. D, 1st R.I. Lght Art. Heard an address delivered by Mr. Lincoln at Alexandria, Va.

Redding, Edwin A. Co. E, 1st R.I. Lght. Art. U.S. Navy. Heard an address delivered by Mr. Lincoln in Washington, D.C.

Young, Wm. E. Co. G, 2nd R.I. US Infty. Was a bugler, and remembers being lifted on shoulders of men to hear and see Mr. Lincoln deliver an address at Petersburg, Va., on April 1, 1865.

Very truly yours,

Susan M. Sheple

Commandant.

Horn, Charles Bethlehem, Pa.

Quakertown, Penna, R.D. #2
April 6, 1932

Mr. Howard K. Terry
9528 Wisteria St.
Phila. Pa.

Dear Sir:

If you write to Mr. Charles Horn of 329 East Broad St. Bethlehem Pa. he will give you his recollections of Lincoln. Mr. Horn never met Lincoln personally but saw him on several occasions and has a vivid recollection of him. Mr. Horn served during the Great Rebellion in Co. I 48th Pa. Vol. Inf. and was wounded severely at Spottsylvania C. H. May 5, 1864.

This is all the information I have at this time as I believe John Lewis of Allentown gave you the addresses of other vets who met Lincoln.

I think Wm H. Wolebach of 534 Seventh Ave. Bethlehem saw him on several occasions but I'm not sure. You may write him or I will see him and make sure. Mr. Wolebach served in Co. B. 153rd Pa. Vol. Inf.

Very Sincerely Yours

Stanley W. Landis

Quakertown

Penna.

R.D. #2

Hornaday,.....

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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE COMMANDANT
Veterans' Home P.O., Napa Co., California

March 18 1931

Howard K.Terry
Bustleton,Philadelphia,Pa.
Dear Comrade:

Your letter to the Commandant at hand and we are glad to give you this information that you desire.

Captain Wm.H.Hornady,Lincoln Barracks,Veterans' Home,California
Richard D.Rowe,c/o Hospital,Veterans' Home,California.

You will be able to reach these men at this address,and no doubt they will be glad to hear from you.

The proper address of the other Home is National Military Home, California.

Enclosed you will find some pamphlets that you may find interesting.

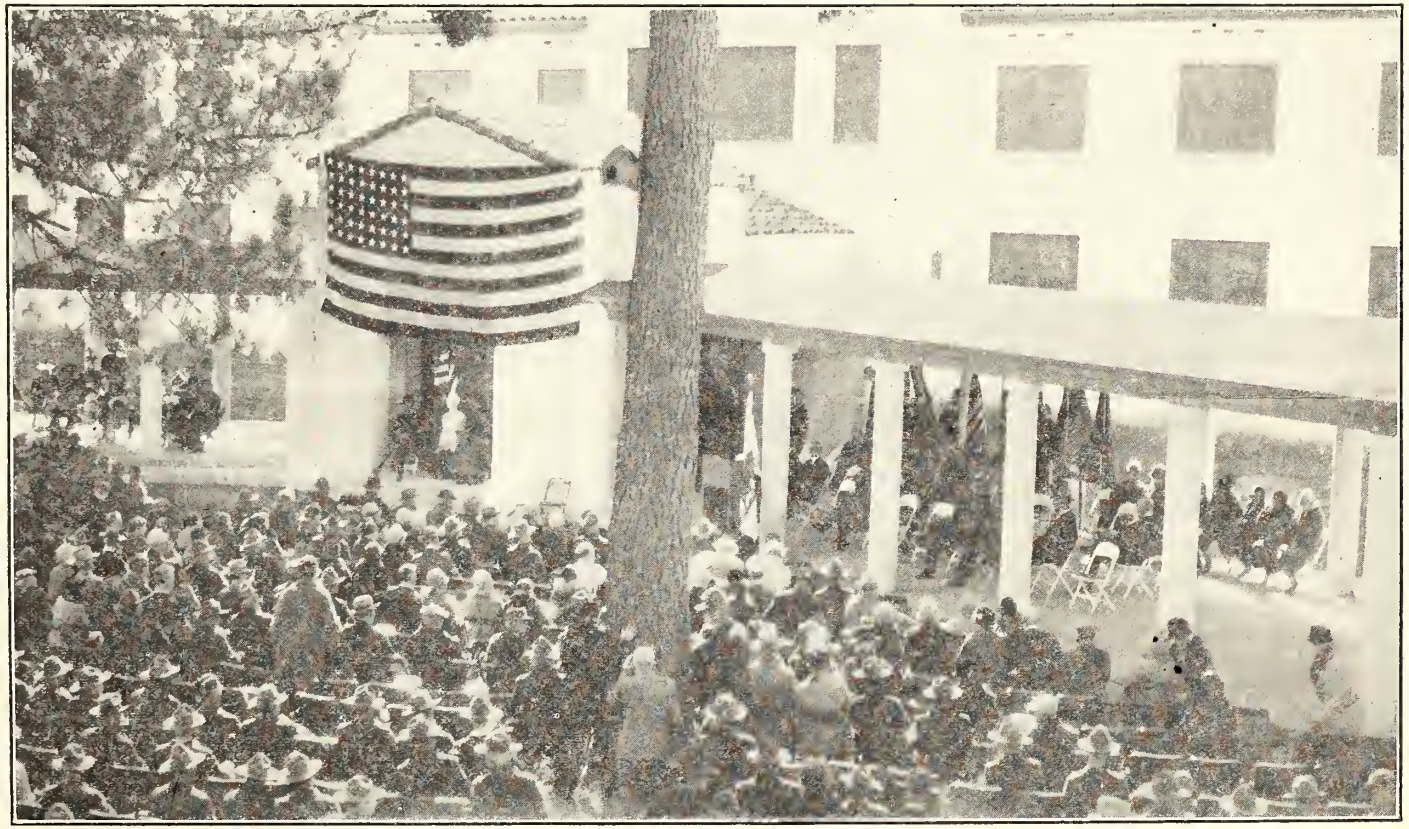
Sincerely,

Charles S. Vail

Charles S.Vail
Captain-Chaplain

For the Commandant
C.V./A.R?

Licoln Barracks.



Dedication of Lincoln Barracks by Governor C. C. Young.

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VETERANS' HOME, NAPA CO., CAL.

W. H. Hornaday, Serg., "F", 63 Ind. Inft., 3rd Div., 23rd A.C.

After the Atlanta Campaign, Thomas' annihilation of Hood at Franklin and Nashville, my Corp, under Schofield, was hurried to Alexandria, for sea transport to Ft. Fisher.
Our hard campaigning had necesitated clothing, pay, etc., and while transports were being arranged, requiring about a week, I, fully clad, once more, spent two days in Washington.
My Congressmen, from Indianapolis, my home, took charge of me. Among other incidents he took me to a "Reception" at the White House.
I was a tall, gawky, farm boy, looking even younger than 20.
When we approached the President, my guide easily attracted the Attention of :President Lincoln, to me, as the son of his special friend, etc.
In my new uniform, strips, etc., I must have been quite a "striking" warrior. The President at once pointed to my cheverons, saying: "My son, where did you get those?" My guide had already secured all that information, and when he explained that I had been thus decorated on the field of battle during the Atlanta Campaign, the President reched for my hand again, remarking: "My dear boy; how I have wished for more like you". As I hurried on, with the throng, my Congressman delayed an instant, and I overheard the Presdent say: "Tell the boy that I know his days of hard fighting are about ended, thankGod". All of which is as though it were but yesterday; even that quiet, deep smile on that otherwise sad and furrowed face.
From Ft. Fished, late in March, we were driving Genl. Joe Johnson north, toward Raleigh, with no direct communication with Washington. We had received by flag of truce the news of Richmond and Appomattox. The second morning after the assassination, a flag of truce appeared at our front. A rebel officer rode up, dismounted, hat in hand, approached Genl. Schofield, tears rolling down his cheeks, saying: "President Lincoln has been assassinated; the South has lost its best friend." After the surrender of Johnson, at Raleigh, we mixed quite intimately with the men who had so long been our enemies. Almost to a man we found then deeply sorrowful over the "Dastardly work of that traitor, Booth", as they generally expressed it. They declared him a worse traitor to the South than to the Union.

After the war I spent twenty years in Chicago; newspaper and legal work. I enjoyed the close friendship of both Robert Lincoln and his widowed mother. Also, through his son, William, became quite intimate with Alan Pinkerton, head of the secret service during the war. The veterand detective, finally confided to me, sealing my mouth as long as he or his son, William lived. The body of the assassin was, at midnight, consigned to the bottom of the Patomac, midstream off the Seventh Street whark, where his bones still remain. W.H.H.

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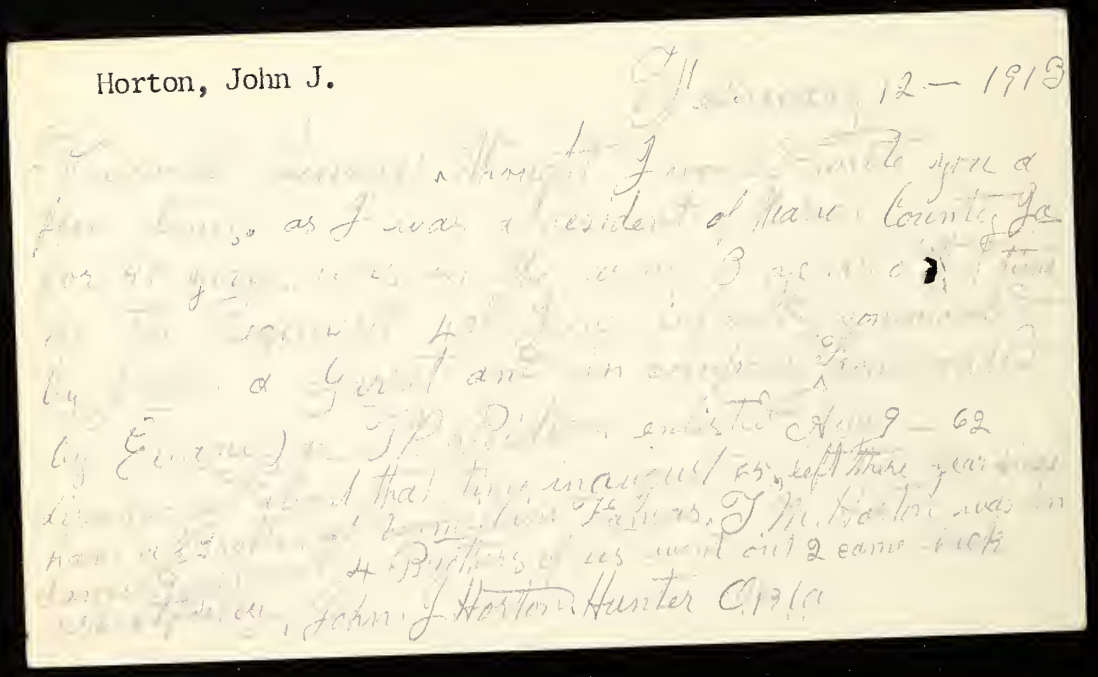

Howland, Charles E. Funeral - N.Y. City Upper Darby, Pa.

Upper Darby Pa. 8-13-30

Howard Tarry
Bradbeton Pa.

Dear Sir

Yours is receipt of your
very kind favour of 6th inst
by hands am to thankey
to answer it as as it dumm.
you will have to excuse
me. Thanks for your kind
letter. very truly yours
Chester Howland
6936 Guilford Rd.
Upper Darby Pa

8/4/30

Lincoln Bodyguard

CHARLES E. HOWLAND

GUARD AT SERVICE FOR LINCOLN IS 85

C. E. Howland Recalls When Martyred President Lay in State in New York

Charles E. Howland, one of the guards of honor when the body of Abraham Lincoln was brought into New York City, is 85 years old today. Mr. Howland, who lives at 6936 Guilford road, in Stonehurst, Upper Darby, vividly recalls the hours he stood at attention while the martyred President lay in state at the City Hall.

Mr. Howland, who traces his ancestry back through the two Howland brothers who came to America on the Mayflower in 1619 also is related to the late Hetty Green, the greatest woman financier this country yet has known.

His father, Gardner Howland, was one of the four founders of Ocean Grove, N. J. Mr. Howland himself built the once-famous Arlington Hotel at that resort and operated it for seventeen years.

When he was 18, Mr. Howland went to work in his father's newsprint factory at Troy, N. Y. He left his position in 1861 to enlist in the Twenty-first New York Cavalry and was stationed at Hart Island, where he remained for the duration of the war.

After the close of the war he returned to his father's shop, where he perfected the cash register patent, which he later sold to the National Cash Register Company. Abandoning his career as an inventor, Mr. Howland returned to his father's paper mill, where he worked until 1910, when the plant was purchased by the International Paper Company.

Hurd, Ethel Edgerton L.-D. Debates

Mr Howard N. Terry.
Philadelphia Pa.

Dear Sir.

My Mother Ethel Edgerton Hurd m.d. died Aug 20 1929. But she had left some "memoirs" from which I have copied a few lines concerning Lincoln-Douglas debate which may satisfy your needs.

I am sorry to have been so long in writing But I was away on my vacation until Nov. 1st and have been too busy since to make the copy. she was born Aug 15 40. therefore in her 'teens when hearing Lincoln

Sincerely Annah Hurd m. D.

Copy from Memoirs of Ethel Edgerton Hurd.

"My memory of the Lincoln-Douglas debates stands out clear and unchanging. My Sister and I had just read "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and were thrilled by Lincoln's stand against slavery. My father was a "Black" republican or abolitionist and familiar with the underground railway efforts and in consequence we were more familiar with that side of the question; having read aloud the newspapers to the assembled family, perhaps we understood more of the issues of the day than most young girls. So every word of the debate was, in a measure, understood. We had been told that Douglas was a "hard drinker" this added to our dislike of him for we were a family of Teetotalers. Memory shows me Douglas with somewhat lighter hair than Lincoln's, his suit of a rather light brown, and every article of his dress immaculate. He gesticulated frequently, and often, to render his statements more impressive, drew his head forward until it almost touched the table behind which he stood. He was short and thickset.

When Lincoln first rose the contrast was marked and in favor of Douglas.

his hair was untidy. his shirt front and collar unstarched, and wrinkled, his coat sleeve two short. but that was soon forgotten in his ringing words that won the large majority of his audience. When he touched upon the question of slavery the applause was immense for that usually unmoved audience, and our joy knew no bounds. He stood quietly scarcely moving an arm or hand that hung by his side, he needed no gestures to add emphasis to those clear ringing "sledgehammer" words.

He lost the senatorship but gained the presidency and renown.

Hutchins, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Oakland, Calif.

Oakland Cal.
568 – 16th St.

Mr Howard K. Terry 7/17/30

Phil
Burlton. Pa.

My dear Mr. Terry,

In looking over my three weeks accumulated mail, I find your unanswered letter June 18th, pasted, since then I've rushed about Company & trying to describe my wonderful trip & at home everything upside down so you must pardon me. Yes, indeed the subject of "Honeth Abe" is ever interesting to those who know him. I could tell you some interesting things & he's wonderful life. I shall look over my papers & write you later. My Pilgrimage to France certainly World Bankrupt the English language & when I receive the Papers I'll send them

Wednesday May 21-1930

U. S. MOTHERS VISIT SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Nearly 200 Kneel at Montfaucon, and Live Over Days of World War

Romagne-Sous-Montfaucon, France, May 21.—(AP)—Nearly two-thirds of the American Gold Star Mothers who have made the long journey to France looked for the first time today on their soldier sons' graves in the principal American military cemetery here. There are buried in this cemetery half of America's war dead in this country.

The mothers came in motorcars from historic Verdun, where they spent the night resting from their long drive from Paris.

The mothers, almost 200 of them, went in little groups to different parts of the cemetery and there they prayed at the graves of their boys. There was some sobbing and all were wet-eyed as they knelt and prayed and lived over again the day their soldier sons departed, the long days, weeks and months of anguished waiting and the saddest day of all, when came word of death.

All of the mothers arrived well at Verdun last night, but so many were tired that that city's welcoming ceremony was postponed until this morning. Mayor Schleiter and other officials, as well as the French war widows of the region, greeted them. Florence Sibley, American resident at Verdun, acted as interpreter.

New York, May 21.—(AP)—It was with a sigh of relief that Mrs. Elizabeth G. Hutchins, 92, prepared to board the S. S. George Washington to sail for France today with the third contingent of 262 gold star mothers.

Mrs. Hutchins was all tired out last night—and not, she explained, from the effects of her five-day trip across the country from her home in Oakland, Calif.

"It's the doctors," she said. "They won't leave me alone. They think I'm too old to go to France—I, who still earn my living by running a rooming house out in Oakland—and they keep pestering the life out of me."

Mrs. Hutchins, who besides being a gold star mother is also a member of an organization formed nearly seventy years ago by young women who wanted to knit socks for the Union soldiers in the Civil War, is en route to France to visit the grave of her stepson, Creighton Hutchins.

Her own children are all dead. It was her stepson, who was killed in France. Her son, Willis N. Mills, was chief assistant to the Attorney General in the administrations of Roosevelt, Taft and Wilson. His son, Willis N. Mills, Jr., a New York architect, met her on her arrival here and in Paris she will be met by her son-in-law, Charles de Vidal Hunt, a newspaperman.

Hero Mother Sails

Ledger-P. & A.

MRS. ELIZABETH G. HUTCHINS

Ninety-two-year-old woman, of Oakland, Calif., is sailing for France with the third contingent of 262 gold-star mothers. She was all tired out last night, because, she said, "the doctors won't leave me alone. They think I'm too old to go to France." Seventy years ago, when she was a school teacher in Illinois, she met Abraham Lincoln

John Huyck Kanantha
Hancock County Iowa
I herd Douglas & Lincoln
and I herd the Indians when
when they was Having a
war Dance at Redwing
Minisota Jest Befor the
Masieree at Spirit Lake Iowa
and Bigam young wife at
Lreport talk the mormon
Belief I was Born in the
year 1852 apil the 10

John Huyck
Kanantha Hancock Co
Iowa
Return the Slip

LETTERS - H DRAWER 26 MEETING LINCOLN